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MEMORANDUM FOR LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

FROM: 412 TW OL AFP 42/DD

SUBJECT: AF Plant 42 Review of LA County Renewable Energy Ordinance, April 2014 Draft

1. Thank you for contacting our office to review the latest draft of the subject Ordinance and its Draft EIR Notice of Preparation (collectively, the "Ordinance").
2. In general, this Ordinance appears very compatible with the industrial nature of AF Plant 42. However, with the proximity to AF Plant 42 comes certain comments and concerns that we would like to convey to your office for further review and/or action.
 - a. California Assembly Bill 45 of 2009 utilizes specific definitions for system height and tower height. However, the Ordinance seems ambiguous in comparison, leaving system height and tower height unclear. Recommend clarifying to match AB 45.
 - b. The Ordinance makes references to airport Runway Protection Zones, as depicted in the County's Airport Land Use Plans. However, AF Plant 42 is a military airport, not a public airport, and is likely not addressed in the land use plans to Department of Defense (DoD) standards, if addressed at all. Military airports tend to see higher risk operations than a public airport. Therefore, DoD has additional safety guidelines for adjacent land use and airspace control, beyond those FAA requirements around public airports. Recommend reviewing AF Plant 42 AICUZ and Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 3-260-01 for further guidance.
 - c. Based on DoD criteria, we recommend that no utilities be located within AF Plant 42 Runway Clear Zones or Accident Potential Zones 1 (reference AF Plant 42 AICUZ and UFC 3-260-01).
3. We appreciate the opportunity to review and look forward to future review opportunities as those become available.
4. If you have any questions, please contact me at (661) 272-6759.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Hughes", is positioned above the typed name.

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cc:
AFP 42 Encroachment Management Team